

**The Nordic Council**  
 Conference at Army Academy  
 Frederiksberg Castle  
 16th of September 2021.

The Nordic region is, just like the rest of the world, experiencing challenges when it comes to security issues, and this will not be lessened in the coming years. The Nordic region have an advantage compared to a number of other regions, because of the formalized fora's where co-operation and security politics can be debated as well as the prominent tradition of cooperation. This conference is based around NORDEFECO, where NORDEFECO stands today, what has been achieved and which challenges it will experience in the future. Following this the conference will focus on areas where there are special challenges and possibilities for a extending the cooperation, either bilaterally or within NORDEFECO. It has been chosen that the focus will be on the Arctic, the Baltic Sea and cybersecurity.

Program for the conference:

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:30	Welcome	Bertel, Haarder, MP President of the Nordic Council.
1235	Key Note – Minister of Defence Denmark	Minister of Defence Trine Bramsen
1245	Nordic perspectives on the European defense and security political cooperation	Kristian Søby Kristensen, deputy director and senior researcher, PhD, Center for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen.
1300	NORDEFECO today <i>Where is NORDEFECO today, what have been achieved and what overall challenges can occurred in the future?</i>	Håkon Saxi, Associate professor, Norwegian Defense University College.
1315	Questions	Moderator, TBA
1330	The Arctic <i>The Arctic is marked by the rising competition between the great powers, China, Russia and the USA. How can the Nordic countries navigate in the Arctic marked by the increasing friction? How has the Nordic cooperation in Arctic developed and which defined possibilities for cooperation have become apparent within the military sphere?</i>	Moderator TBA, Center for Arctic security studies, Royal Danish Defence College.
1335	The Arctic today – what is the status and which challenges is noticeable in the near future?	Rikard Bengtsson, Associate Professor, Lund University.
1350	How are challenges handled – and can an increased Nordic cooperation contribute?	Martin La Cour-Andersen, Read Admiral, Commander Arctic Command

1405	Panel debate	
1425	Break	
1450	The Baltic Sea <i>The Baltic countries are, with increasing concern, looking at the Russia military presence in and around the Baltic Sea. How can the Nordic countries handle the increasing Russian military presence and how concerned should the Nordic countries be in regards to the security situation in the Baltic Sea?</i>	Moderator Johannes Riber, Lieutenant Commander, Center for Arctic Security Studies, Royal Danish Defence College.
1455	The Nordic and Baltic countries are continuously challenged by the increasing frictions in the region – challenges and possibilities in the near future?	Jørgen Staun, Associate Professor, Royal Danish Defence College
1510	Challenges in the Baltic Sea from an operative perspective	Ulrich Johan Hellebjerg, Major General, Deputy Commander Multinational Corps Northeast
1525	Panel debate	
1545	Break	
1600	Cyber <i>State sponsored cyberattacks is a growing global challenge, as well as for the Nordic countries. This session will be focused on the treat from stately actors, possibilities for counter these treats within the political and legal framework as well as how the Nordic countries can counter the attacks through cooperation.</i>	Moderator Mikkel Storm Jensen, Major, MSc, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College.
1605	The Nordic countries as also challenged by the state sponsored cyberattacks.	Eneken Tikk, PhD, Cyper Policy Institute (CPI) in Jyväskylä.
1620	Nordic Cyber Defense – an unnoticed success of the NORDEFECO.	Center for Cyber Security, Denmark.
1635	Panel Debate	
1650	What are the perspectives for the NORDEFECO – cooperation after everything we have heard today?	Ulf Sverdrup Director, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs.
1705	Deliberations	Moderator
	Thank you all for participating	President Bertel Haarder